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## **News Release**

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### **City of Durham Delays Opening on Monday, February 15**

*Motorists Urged to Use Caution Tomorrow Morning*

DURHAM, N.C. – Most City of Durham offices, including City Hall and other non-emergency City operations, will be delayed until 10 a.m. on Monday, February 15, 2016, due to icy road conditions. Police, fire, and rescue services for life-threatening or in-progress emergencies may be reached by calling 9-1-1. Non-emergency problems or concerns may be directed to (919) 560-4600.

Residents and City employees are encouraged to stay up-to-date on information about City operational hours as well as program and service changes through the following ways:

- <http://DurhamNC.gov>
- <http://Facebook.com/CityofDurhamNC>
- <http://Twitter.com/CityofDurhamNC>
- [Durham One Call](#) at (919) 560-1200
- [Durham Television Network](#) (Time Warner Cable channel 8 and AT&T U-verse channel 99)

The City's [Public Works Department](#) has been pre-treating city streets with brine in preparation for the pending winter storm.

The department has 22 trucks ready for salting and sanding city streets and will operate in 12-hour shifts until City crews get all primary and secondary roads, bridges, and emergency routes cleared. The department is also coordinating with the local NCDOT maintenance office to ensure that the State-maintained roads within the city limits are passable throughout this weather event. The City's plan of action for clearing or reducing hazards on city streets is prioritized in the following order:

- Bridges and overpasses throughout the city.
- Major arterial streets within the city.
- Streets to essential health facilities, police and fire stations, and critical community facilities.
- Routes to two City fuel sites.
- Streets within the central business district.
- Clear access to Durham Public Schools.
- All residential areas with priority initially to passage of emergency vehicles and then to all traffic.

Residents and property owners are responsible for snow and ice removal in their driveways, sidewalks, apartment access roads, and parking lots. The clearing of private streets is the responsibility of the homeowners within that subdivision. In order to facilitate snow and ice removal on city streets, residents can help by adhering to the following tips:

- Stay off the roads if at all possible.
- Drive very slowly and carefully. If involved in a property damage wreck, motorists should pull off the road to prevent additional accidents and remember that it may take some additional time for an officer to respond to the accident due to icy road conditions.
- If at all possible, park cars off the street or highway to let salt-and-sand spreaders pass with ease.
- Treat intersections with malfunctioning traffic lights as four-way stops and proceed with caution.

A decision on the collection of curbside trash and recycling will

be made early tomorrow morning after an assessment of street conditions, and if the landfill that accepts the City's trash will be open. Regular Monday customers are asked to leave their carts on their curb by 7 a.m. on their scheduled collection day in the event collections can proceed. If collections must be suspended due to road conditions on Monday morning, residents should leave their carts at the curb. The City's Waste Disposal and Recycling Center (Transfer Station), located at 2115 E. Club Blvd., will delay opening until 9 a.m. on Monday, February 15.

To report downed trees on City-maintained streets, residents should contact the Durham Emergency Communications Center non-emergency line at (919) 560-4600 unless the downed tree presents an immediate, life-threatening hazard; then call 9-1-1. Residents and property owners are responsible for downed tree removal on private property, driveways, sidewalks, apartment access roads and parking lots.

Residents are urged to not touch downed trees or branches that are tangled up with power lines. Power outages and any downed power lines should be reported directly to [Duke Energy Carolinas](#) at 1-800-POWERON or 1-800-769-3766 (English), or 1-800-4APAGON or 1-800-427-2466 (Español).

All Durham Parks and Recreation (DPR) recreation centers, including Holton Career and Resource Center and the Community Family Life and Recreation Center at Lyon Park, will delay opening until 2 p.m. on Monday, February 15. The DPR administrative office will open on its normal schedule at 8 a.m. For weather-related updates for any Durham Parks and Recreation (DPR) facilities, recreation centers or special events, call the DPR weather line at (919) 560-4636. Updates will also be available on DPR's [website](#), on [Facebook](#), and on [Twitter](#).

To find out about GoDurham service disruptions, riders should visit the GoDurham [website](#) or call (919) 485-RIDE (7433).